

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE
Wednesday August 18, 1999 9:00 a.m. S Room 416 State Capitol**

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly Evans, Chair
Sen. Millie Peterson
Rep. Perry L. Buckner
Rep. Neil Hansen
Rep. Dennis H. Iverson
Rep. Susan J. Koehn
Rep. Loraine Pace
Rep. Marlon O. Snow
Rep. Michael R. Styler

Members Excused:

Sen. Terry Spencer
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Martin R. Stephens
Rep. Jordan Tanner, Chair

Staff Present:

Mr. John Q. Cannon,
Research Analyst
Mr. John L. Fellows,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Vanessa Thompson,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and handouts distributed are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Evans called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

MOTION: Rep. Iverson moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 1999 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Rep. Hansen and Rep. Styler absent for the vote.

2. Personnel Management Act Modifications Update - Ms. Karen Suzuki-Okabe, Executive Director, Department of Human Resource Management, and Mr. Con Whipple, Department of Human Resource Management, distributed a handout entitled, "Personnel Management Act Update." Ms. Suzuki-Okabe and Mr. Whipple discussed classification, selection, and recruitment recommendations, as well as procedures and suggested proposals for position promotion and demotion.

Compensation issues, merit system issues, as well as miscellaneous/technical items will be discussed at future meetings of the study group.

Rep. Snow suggested that members of private industry be included in making these recommendations.

Committee discussion followed.

3. Deferred Maintenance of State Facilities - Mr. Kevin Walthers, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, discussed a report to the Executive Appropriations Committee by the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst entitled, "Deferred Maintenance on State-Owned

Buildings." Mr. Walthers also distributed, "Deferred Maintenance on State-Owned Buildings: Executive Appropriations Follow-Up," and discussed its contents. He explained to the committee the definitions of maintenance in relation to State-owned facilities.

Mr. Rich Byfield, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management, explained that operating budgets provide operations and maintenance funding, but the Legislature must fund improvements or development.

Recommendations from the report to the Legislature include the following:

- direct the Building Board to develop and implement statewide definitions for deferred maintenance, capital renewal, and obsolescence;
- consider increased funding for operations and maintenance budgets;
- place infrastructure projects high on its priority list;
- consider the possibility of providing "block grants" of capital improvement money to state agencies and institutions;
- consider creating a separate line item for operations and maintenance in each agency budget;
- consider adopting a dedicated account for replacement of infrastructure systems in all buildings; and
- consider increasing funding for capital improvements.

Mr. Walthers stated that there is a substantial need for increased funding in capital improvement projects without new money. To do this, the Legislature would re-prioritize the base budget for capital projects.

Rep. Snow suggested that a representative from Higher Education address the committee about questions regarding operations and maintenance in Higher Education facilities. Committee discussion followed.

4. Adjourn -

MOTION: Rep. Styler moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Peterson, and Rep. Koehn absent for the vote. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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